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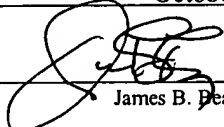
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In re application of : Fermann, Martin E.
App. No. : 09/785,944
For : MODE-LOCKED MULTI-MODE
FIBER LASER PULSE SOURCE
Filed : February 16, 2001
Examiner : Jeffrey Zahn
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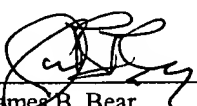
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petitions the Board of Appeals and Interferences to consolidate the appeal hearings for Application Nos. 09/262,662; 09/738,372; 09/738,373 and 09/785,944. Two of the four cases (09/738,372 & 09/738,373) share a specification and the rejections being appealed are closely related. The other two cases are before the same examining group, owned by the same corporation, and closely related in technology. Consolidating these four appeals for the oral hearing will conserve the time of the

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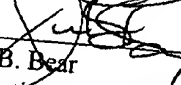
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Board and will reduce the cost for the Assignee, whose counsel must travel from California to attend hearings.

Respectfully submitted,

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